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1. Petition To Accept Missing Items In Response To Notice Of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application together with a copy of the parent disclosure (35 pages specification with 30 claims, 1 page abstract, and 4 pages drawings).
2. Notice Of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application.
3. Newly executed Oath and Declaration.
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- The specification is missing.
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